



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held December 16, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“In 1882 the United States passed the Chinese Exclusion Act. For more than a half-century, tens of thousands of Chinese were barred from becoming naturalized United States citizens.

“On December 17, 1943, Congress partially repealed the Chinese Exclusion Laws but limited the annual number of incoming Chinese immigrants to 105 a year. It would be another 23 years before immigration equalized from both Asia and Europe.

“In commemoration of the anniversary of the law’s repeal, the new Chinese American Museum of Los Angeles at 425 North Los Angeles Street will officially open its doors on December 18, 2003.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board acknowledged the countless Americans of Chinese descent that have made significant contributions to our nation and County, and officially recognized December 18, 2003, to commemorate the day Chinese Exclusion laws were repealed in the United States.

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